



Re: FW: OU-1 cleanup work

Mike Cirian to: Victor Ketellapper

06/21/2010 02:30 PM

Cc: Andy Lensink, Bill Murray, Helen Dawson, Sean Earle, Ted Linnert,  
Rebecca Thomas, Carol Campbell, Sonya Pennock

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Hey Victor,

Michelle Hartley called and left a message with multiple phone numbers wanting me to call them (the ones from all the emails) back. The phone numbers include Gordon Sullivan's book store, DC Orrs' phone number, one I assume is Michelle's due to 310 area code, plus a couple of others that I don't know. With the accusations made about, against etc. towards me I don't think I should be the one to call them back. They have been calling all week and would not give name or number to return calls. This time just numbers to call.

I will call them back, but I feel this is an attempt to state how many times they call this office and I won't return their calls.

Please advise,  
Mike

From: Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com>

To: Victor Ketellapper/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, five\_rivers <five\_rivers@ymail.com>, "larry.anderson" <larry.anderson@mail.house.gov>, gordsull <gordsull@yahoo.com>, perquiaga <perquiaga@eaglesvoice.com>, Catharine\_Ransom <Catharine\_Ransom@baucus.senate.gov>, xcav8orr <xcav8orr@hotmail.com>, Sean Earle/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, filmwest <filmwest@gmail.com>, Ted Linnert/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "glena.young" <glena.young@cityoflibby.com>, Mike Cirian/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "tspear@mtech.edu" <tspear@mtech.edu>, Freya Margand/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "mvolesky@mt.gov" <mvolesky@mt.gov>, Bill Murray/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "jpodolinsky@mt.gov" <jpodolinsky@mt.gov>, "clecours@mt.gov" <clecours@mt.gov>, max@baucus.senate.gov, michelle@filmwestllc.com, kirby\_campbellrierson <kirby\_campbellrierson@baucus.senate.gov>, Lawrence Grandison/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Andy Lensink/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, LibbyCitizens@gmail.com, Helen Dawson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, denny.rehberg@mail.house.gov, "jim.hammons" <jim.hammons@cityoflibby.com>, kirby\_campbell-rierson@baucus.senate.gov

Victor,

We have heard all your meeting rhetoric too many times. Please respond to our written requests in writing. Today would be great. It's been months.

On Monday, June 21, 2010, <Ketellapper.Victor@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> Libby Citizens: I think it would be good for us to meet to discuss your concerns in the many emails I have recieved. This would help me better understand your issues. I will be in Libby Tuesday evening for the public meeting on the investigations being conducted at the mine. I am available to discuss your concerns with EPA's approach with the residential cleanup prior to the meeting. I plan to arrive in Libby around 4:00 pm. So, we could meet sometime between 4:00 and 6:30 pm on Tuesday. If this time is not convient, I will be back in Libby the week of July 7 and 8. Please send me a message at the time that works best for you. Victor KetellapperTeam Leader, Libby Asbestos Superfund Site

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> -----Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote: -----

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> To: Victor Ketellapper/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Andy Lensink/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Bill Murray/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "catharine\_ransom@baucus.senate.gov" <catharine\_ransom@baucus.senate.gov>, "clecours@mt.gov" <clecours@mt.gov>, Freya Margand/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "glena.young@cityoflibby.com" <glena.young@cityoflibby.com>, Helen Dawson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "jim.hammons@cityoflibby.com" <jim.hammons@cityoflibby.com>, "jpodolinsky@mt.gov" <jpodolinsky@mt.gov>, "kirby\_campbellrierson@baucus.senate.gov" <kirby\_campbellrierson@baucus.senate.gov>, "larry.anderson@mail.house.gov" <larry.anderson@mail.house.gov>, Lawrence Grandison/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Mike Cirian/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "mvolesky@mt.gov" <mvolesky@mt.gov>, Rebecca Thomas/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "rodriguez-newstroml@cdm.com" <rodriguez-newstroml@cdm.com>, Sean Earle/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, Ted Linnert/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "tspear@mttech.edu" <tspear@mttech.edu>, "virginia\_sloan@tester.senate.gov" <virginia\_sloan@tester.senate.gov>, "xcav8orr@hotmail.com" <xcav8orr@hotmail.com>, Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "five\_rivers@ymail.com" <five\_rivers@ymail.com>  
> From: Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com>  
> Date: 06/19/2010 02:06PM  
> Cc: filmwest <filmwest@gmail.com>  
> Subject: Re: FW: OU-1 cleanup work

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> Carol Campbell, Bill Murray, Rebecca Thomas, Ted Linnert and Mike Cirian,

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> We specifically and respectfully are requesting your individual  
> responses regarding your Apparent continuous neglect of informing the  
> public of factual information, your neglect and disregard in  
> confronting contractor created issues and blatant waste of taxpayer  
> money in Libby Montana.

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> Your responses are needed urgently.

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> Libby Montana has been declared an emergency and requires your  
> attention and thoughtful responses.

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> It appears as though your full time and attention is being given to  
> spending/wasting taxpayer money and facilitating the unsafe practices  
> and wild spend of your contractors.

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> This is not what we pay you for.  
> We are demanding immediate change and protection of the people and the  
> environment.  
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> On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> Respectfully, Why is it that no one seems to want to do a good job,  
>> but everyone wants to keep taking the money?  
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>> On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>> URGENT:  
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>>> REGARDING the Public Concert held last Friday 6/18/2010 at Contaminated OU  
1 SITE  
>>> in Libby, MT  
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>>> AFTER \$ 330, 000,000 SPENT BY EPA --  
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>>> FIRST AREA (OPERATING UNIT 1 " OU 1" )  
>>> to receive  
>>> RECORD OF DECISION ( MAY 2010)  
>>> by EPA  
>>> IS UNSAFE  
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>>> To quote Mr Cirian, EPA Site Manager regarding the Hazardous material at  
>>> Libby River Park OU- 1:  
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>>> "As you have identified, there is an area near the ramp access where  
>>> suspect materials will be covered with a single lift (approximately 6  
>>> inches) of clean fill and a barrier has been placed to delineate that  
>>> transition zone and all other areas were covered with 12 inches of  
>>> common fill. Remediation of this area, along with the rest of the  
>>> former Export Plant property, will be completed once EPA implements the  
>>> remedy selected in the Record of Decision (May 2010)."  
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>>> Mr. Cirian has ignored our repeated phone calls and efforts to  
communicate, and he refuses to respond. His secretary said only " Mr. Cirian  
cannot take your call. He is preoccupied. " Region 8 Administration is aware  
of this Public Event, and refuses to communicate with any of us in any way.  
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>>> New exposures to deadly hazardous contaminant is imminent, however those  
who are attending the concert are unaware of this hazard.  
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>>> Does anyone have suggestions about how we can properly let the public know  
that even though an ROD has been signed on OUL, and it has previously been  
declared safe, it is not?  
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>>> Isn't this something the EPA should communicate with us about?  
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>>> Shouldn't the EPA be communicating Public Safety issues to the public?  
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>>> See below a published report about even small amounts of the material being unsafe when active/airborne ( as opposed to dormant and contained in walls or ceilings):

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>>> September 30, 2009

>>> EPA continues asbestos testing in West Central

>>> Becky Kramer

>>> The Spokesman-Review

>>> Tags: asbestos Libby Vermiculite Northwest Zonolite

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>>> Additional asbestos testing is taking place today near W.R. Grace's former Zonolite factory in Spokane.

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>>> During soil testing in June, the Environmental Protection Agency found low levels of the cancer-causing fibers in residential yards near the former Vermiculite Northwest factory at 1318 N. Maple St.

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>>> Now, EPA officials want to know if routine activities - such as shoveling dirt or raking - could cause the asbestos fibers to become airborne.

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>>> "We're simulating what people could do on their property," said Greg Weigel, on-scene coordinator for EPA's environmental clean-up program. "What we've learned from other sites, including Libby, Montana, is that even low levels of asbestos in soil could pose a risk if the asbestos is susceptible to becoming airborne."

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>>> For 22 years, Vermiculite Northwest produced Zonolite, an asbestos-tainted attic insulation. Rail cars brought vermiculite ore from Libby to the plant, where furnaces heated the ore until it puffed up into lightweight insulation.

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>>> W.R. Grace closed Vermiculite Northwest in 1973, after a whistle-blower tipp

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